

**From:** Spicer, Tamara  
**Sent:** 31 Jan 2018 12:01:43 -0500  
**To:** Rodriguez, Sarah; Elzea, Jennifer  
**Cc:** Yglesias, Nestor J  
**Subject:** RE: Death of Detainee Yulio CASTRO (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

(b)(5)

Will send Issue Paper up shortly and standby until we hear from you.

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**From:** Rodriguez, Sarah  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 31, 2018 11:46 AM  
**To:** Spicer, Tamara; Elzea, Jennifer  
**Cc:** Yglesias, Nestor J  
**Subject:** RE: Death of Detainee Yulio CASTRO (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

Tammy –

Edits attached. Can you send up as an ERO Issue paper?

Just a reminder, once it's cleared, we do not send for posting until we make notifications (I'll handle those). I'll let you know when we're good to go for posting.

Thanks,  
Sarah

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**From:** Spicer, Tamara  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 31, 2018 5:37 AM  
**To:** Elzea, Jennifer; Rodriguez, Sarah  
**Cc:** Yglesias, Nestor J  
**Subject:** FW: Death of Detainee Yulio CASTRO A206255535

Sadly, the detainee passed, we are working it.

Tammy Spicer  
U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Public Affairs Officer

**From:** (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)  
**Date:** Tuesday, Jan 30, 2018, 11:21 PM  
**To:** Spicer, Tamara <TAMARA.SPICER@ice.dhs.gov>  
**Cc:** (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) Gallagher, Sean W (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)  
(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)  
**Subject:** Death of Detainee Yulio CASTRO (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

Tammy,

Per my 1105 message, Mr. CASTRO, our detainee at the Mayo Clinic, passed away at 2017 this evening. Attached is a draft of an ES current until the time of his death as referenced below.

The official detainee death notification will be forthcoming from HQ shortly. PAO will be copied.

If you need anything else please let us know.

Thanks,

(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)  
Deputy Field Office Director  
Atlanta Field Office  
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**From:** (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 30, 2018 9:34 PM  
**To:** #IHSC\_SEN\_Medical  
**Cc:** (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) #IHSC\_Stewart; (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)  
**Subject:** SEN Report Notification Death of Detainee

Detainee Castro-Garrido, Yulio (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) passed away at 2017 on 30 Jan 2018. The detainee had been transferred from Phoebe Putney Hospital in Albany, GA to the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville, FL on 17 Jan 2018 with a diagnosis of pneumonia and pneumonitis secondary to MRSA infection.

The attending physician reported the patient's condition deteriorated today (30 Jan 2018) with septic shock, hypotension and bradycardia that was unresponsive to treatment efforts. The detainee went into respiratory arrest and subsequently cardiac arrest shortly after 2000 tonight (30 Jan 2018). Emergency resuscitation efforts were immediately initiated but after approximately 15 minutes the physician pronounced the detainee deceased (2017).

The hospital has been notified not to release the body at this time. The hospital was informed that ICE would be in contact with the hospital to discuss disposition of the body and to request an autopsy.

The Joint Intake Center was notified via email from CAPT (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

Additional information will be forwarded as it becomes available.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

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From: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)  
Date: Tuesday, Jan 30, 2018, 11:27 AM  
To: #IHSC\_SEN\_Medical (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)  
Cc: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)  
#IHSC\_Stewart (b)(6);(b)(7)(C), (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)  
Subject: SEN Report Notification Hospital Update

#### SDC has two Detainees at the hospital

##### Detainee#1:

Castro-Garrido, Yulio currently admitted to Mayo Clinic RM 404 in Jacksonville, FL.  
For report please call 904 956-(b)(6);(b)(7)(C) and ask for floor supervisor.

Hospital Day : 23

Name: Castro-Garrido, Yulio

A# (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

DOB: 10/27/1984

Country Citizenship: Cuba

Date of Arrival: 11/24/2017

Relevant Medical History: None

Date of admission: 1/8/2018

Current Diagnosis: Pneumonia and Flu-A, MRSA

Attending Physician: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) (Infectious Disease)

Current status: 1/30/18

Detainee is currently a Full Code and in critical condition. Detainee is in a medically induced coma with vital signs as follow: BP: 99/46 (arterial), HR: 119, O2 Sat 91%, Respirations: 35, and Temp: 37.2C.

Detainee has tracheostomy and currently on Pressure Control Ventilator, setting as follows: FIO2- 100% Respirations- 35, PEEP – 15, Pressure above PEEP – 30. Tidal volumes ranging 440 in and 140 out. Detainee has four chest tubes in total (2 left & 2 right) plus a pigtail drain. Right. Pleural chest tube labelled #2 draining moderate amount of serous drainage at 100cc. Chest tube #4 draining clear at 00cc. Right chest tubes have drained a total of 110 ml in 8 hrs at 10:00 pigtail= 10 cc.. Suction on four chest tubes set at -25 and the right chest tube labeled #2 set at -10. Recent ABG's drawn as at 0430 on 1/30/18: Blood Gases: PH 7.149, PACO2- 150, PAO2 -109.8, Bicarb 51.2, O2 sat 71.6%. Detainee is receiving Levophed at 0.02mcg/kg/min and Lasix at 20mg/hr. Detainee is also receiving supplemental nutrition via NJ tube, Oxepa 25 ml/hour. He is also receiving 30 ml free water flush every four hours. Detainee currently has NG tube that is attached to suction low intermittent suction. Foley catheter is in place with total urinary output for 8 hrs at 06:00 was 10cc, with a total output for today of 690cc. yesterday and and today the 1/30/18 so far has 200 cc. A rectal tube is also in place. .

**Diagnostic procedures: No new ones as 1/30/18**

1/28/2018- CT of the chest without contrast- Numerous bilateral cavitations. Ground glass opacities compatible with MRSA pneumonitis. Interval mild increase in size of moderate bilateral pneumothoraces. Numerous bilateral pulmonary cavitations not significantly changed from 1/17/18. Trace pleural fluid on the right. No pericardial effusion. Gallbladder wall thickening. Diffuse anasarca.

1/28/18 Chest X-ray-Increased size of right pneumothorax, minimal right to left shift of midline structures

1/24/2018 Echo result shows EF of 63%.

Bronchoscopy showed MRSA, Blood cultures positive for Bordetella Holmesii. Influenza A +, HIV negative

**Lab results:**

1/30/18: Blood Gases: PH 7.149, PACO2- 150, PAO2 -109.8, Bicarb 51.2, O2 sat 71.6%.

1/29/2018-PM labs: Sodium-144, Potassium 4.1, Bicarb 47, Phosphorus 5.4, Albumin 3.5, Glucose 133, Creatinine 1.5, BUN 65, Magnesium 2.5, Lactate 0.8

1/29/2018-AM Labs: CBC-WBC 16.1, Hemoglobin 7.7, Hematocrit 27.1, Platelets 337; CHEM-Sodium 146, Potassium 4.0, Creatinine 1.3, BUN 63, Glucose 138.

1/28/18-PM PH 7.192, PACO2 : 137.5, PAO2 73.1, Bicarb 51. O2 sat 91.7%, Base Excess 20, Potassium 3.4, Chloride 93, Bicarb 50, Calcium 8.8, Albumin 3, Glucose 151, BUN 50, Creatinine 1.1

1/28/18– AM Labs: Hemoglobin 8.4, Hematocrit 30.7, WBC 20, Platelets 344, Sodium 142, Potassium 4.1, Calcium 9.2, Phosphorous 5.2, Creatinine 1.1, BUN 45

1/28/18 – Blood Gases: PH 7.48, PCO2 143, PO2 95.2, Bicarb 47.9

1/27/18– AM Labs: Hemoglobin 8.4, Hematocrit 29, WBC 17.4, Platelets 427, Sodium 143, Potassium 5.1, Calcium 8.3, Phosphorous 4.3, Creatinine 0.7, BUN 27, ALP 123, ALT 58, AST 52

1/27/18 – Blood Gases: PH 7.22, PCO2 143.7, PO2 130.4, Bicarb 57.3

1/26/18 Sodium: 142 Potassium: 4.3 Chloride: 92 Phosphorus: 4.4 BUN: 27 Creatinine: 0.7

1/25/2018 Sputum for BAL (Bronchial alveoli lavage)

1/25/18: ABG's: PH 7.46, PCO2 73.5, PO2 112, Bicarb 51, O2 sat 95.9%

CBC: Hemoglobin 8.2, HCT 25.8, WBC 16.1, Platelet count 385.

CHEM PANEL: Sodium 142, Potassium 3.0, Chloride 90, Bicarb 49, Calcium 7.9, Phosphorus 1.9, Glucose 146, BUN 25, Creatinine 0.7, Magnesium 2.2. LIVER ENZYMES: Alkaline phosphatase 147, ALT 66, AST 80.

1/24/18 0943 CBC: Hemoglobin - 9, Hematocrit - 28.7, WBC – 19.9 CHEM 7: Sodium – 144, Potassium – 4.0, Calcium – 8.2, Phosphorous – 4.6, Glucose – 149, Creatinine – 0.7, BUN – 26

ABG's: PH 7.31, PCO2 98.5, PO2 93, Bicarb 48.9. ECHO results: Pending

1/23/18 (1700) Hemoglobin 8.9, Hematocrit 27.6, Potassium 3.4 Sodium 142, Chloride 91, Calcium 7.5, Phosphorus 2.4, Albumin 2, BUN 27, CR 0.7

1/23/18 – AM Labs: Hemoglobin 7.4, Hematocrit 24, WBC 20, Platelets 385, Sodium 139, Potassium 4.1, Calcium 7.5, Phosphorous 3.0, Creatinine 0.7, BUN 24, Chloride 93, Albumin 1.9

1/23/18 – Blood Gases: PH 7.28, PCO2 98, PO2 169, Bicarb 45

1/22/18 – PM -PH 7.295, PCO2 95.6, PO2 112.6, Bicarb 45.5

1/22/18 – AM Labs: Hemoglobin 8.4, Hematocrit 227.99.4, WBC 26.1, Platelets 360, Sodium 139, Potassium 4.3, Calcium 7.8, Phosphorous 4.2, Creatinine 0.9, BUN 26

1/22/18 – Blood Gases: PH 7.37, PCO2 80, PO2 142, Bicarb 45

1/20/18 – Hemoglobin 9.4, Hematocrit 29.4, WBC 31.6, Platelets 450, Blood glucose 128 Sodium 145, Potassium 4.2, Calcium 7.3, Phosphorous 3.4, Creatinine 0.8

1/20/18 – Blood Gases: PH 7.34, PCO2 73.9, PO2 63.1, Bicarb 39.1

01/19/2018- Hemoglobin 9.3, Hematocrit 29.2, Platelets 423, WBC 31.8, RBC 3.24, Sodium 145, Potassium 4.1, BUN 26, Creatinine 0.9, Blood Glucose 131

01/19/2018 Blood Gases: PH – 7.37, PCO2- 59, PO2- 70, Bicarb-35

01/18/2018-AM Labs: WBC – 37.6, Hemoglobin 9.2, Hematocrit 29.1, Platelets 381; Chemistry-Sodium 154, Potassium 4.1, Chloride 109, BUN 32, Creatinine 0.9, Phosphorous 2.8, Calcium 7.4

Blood gases : PH – 7.4, PCO2 – 64, PO2 – 61.7, Bicarb 40,

01/16/2018-WBC – 58.3.9, Hemoglobin 11.4, Hematocrit 35, Platelets 312; Chemistry-Sodium 147, Potassium 5.8, Chloride 109, BUN 35, Creatinine 0.90, Phosphorous 3.5, Magnesium 2.2. 01/15/2018-

Blood gases : PH - 7.415, PO2 – 43.8, PO2 – 63, Bicarb 28.1.

**Vitals signs:** BP: 98/52 (arterial), HR: 117, O2 Sat 93%, Respirations: 35, and Temp: 37.2C

**Medication:** Albumin q6hrs, Propofol at 30 mcg/kg/min, Fentanyl at 125 mcg/kg/min, Azithromycin 1200mg weekly, Lasix 20mg/hr, Linezolid 600mg q12hrs, Tylenol q6hr PRN . Heparin 5,000 SQ Q8, Nimbex 7mcg/kg/minute, lansoprazole 30mg QD, Proteinex 30ml/15gm q4hrs NG, Relister 8mg QOD, Colace 100mg BID, Miralax 17gm QD, Bactrim 400mg/80mg QD, Eye lubricant

**Report Received from :** (b)(6);(b)(7)(C), RN @2250

## **Detainee # 2**

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Thank you

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**From:** Smith, Stewart D  
**Sent:** 9 Feb 2018 10:52:14 -0500  
**To:** ERO Scheduler (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) Johnson, Tae D;Rodriguez, Waldemar;Fenton, Jennifer M;(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)  
(b)(6);(b)(7)(C) Davis, Mike;(b)(6);(b)(7)(C) Elzea, Jennifer;(b)(6);(b)(7)(C) Albence, Matthew;(b)(6);(b)(7)(C) Miller, Philip T;(b)(6);(b)(7)(C) Asher, Nathalie R;Rivera, David D;(b)(6);(b)(7)(C) W;Bennett, Danielle;Rittenberg, Scot R;Loiacono, Adam V;#ERO CHIEFS OF STAFF (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)  
(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)  
**Subject:** RE: DMC Meeting - Detainee Death - Yulio CASTRO-Garrido  
**Attachments:** Preliminary Mortality Review Report\_Yulio CASTRO-Garrido (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)  
(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)FINAL.pdf

Attached is IHSC's preliminary report.



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-----Original Appointment-----

**From:** ERO Scheduler  
**Sent:** Monday, February 5, 2018 8:25 AM  
**To:** ERO Scheduler; (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) Johnson, Tae D; Rodriguez, Waldemar; Fenton, Jennifer M;(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)  
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(b)(6);(b)(7)(C) Albence, Matthew;(b)(6);(b)(7)(C) Miller, Philip T;(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)  
(b)(6);(b)(7)(C) Asher, Nathalie R; Rivera, David D;(b)(6);(b)(7)(C) Bennett, Danielle; Rittenberg, Scot R; Loiacono, Adam V; #ERO CHIEFS OF STAFF;(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)  
(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)  
**Subject:** DMC Meeting - Detainee Death - Yulio CASTRO-Garrido  
**When:** Wednesday, February 14, 2018 1:00 PM-2:00 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).  
**Where:** ERO Conf Rm 11069/Conf Call #: 877-795-5149; Participant Code: (b)(7)(E)

**Read aheads to follow**

Conf Call #: 877-795-(b)(7)(E)  
Participant Code: (b)(7)(E)

**From:** (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 31, 2018 9:19 AM  
**To:** #ERO DEPUTY ASSISTANT DIRECTORS; #ERO EAD Front Office; #HSI CHIEFS OF STAFF; #ICE COS Staff; #ICE DD STAFF; #MASTAFF; (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) Benner, Derek N; (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) Davis, Mike P; Elzea, Jennifer; (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) JIOC-ICE; Kovacic, Raymond; (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) Loiacono, Adam V; (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) Padilla, Kenneth; (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) Valerio, Tracey A; (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)  
**Cc:** #ERO CHIEFS OF STAFF  
**Subject:** Detainee Death Notification - Yulio CASTRO-Garrido

*The message below is distributed by Matthew T. Albence, Executive Associate Director for Enforcement and Removal Operations.*

Pursuant to ICE policy, I am providing notification of the death of an ICE detainee: Yulio CASTRO-Garrido, (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

**ISSUE:**

On January 30, 2018, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO) Atlanta reported the death of ICE detainee Yulio CASTRO-Garrido, a 33 year-old citizen of Cuba, at the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville, FL. The medical staff pronounced CASTRO dead at 2017 hours EST on January 30, 2018, with the preliminary cause of death of cardiac arrest.

Consistent with ICE policy, ERO Atlanta notified the Department of Homeland Security, Office of Inspector General and ICE Office of Professional Responsibility via the Joint Intake Center. ERO's Removal and International Operations has notified the Consulate of Cuba in Washington, DC of CASTRO's death. ERO Atlanta has notified CASTRO's next of kin.

All media inquiries will be referred to the ICE Office of Public Affairs.

**BACKGROUND:**

On October 27, 2013, CASTRO applied for admission to U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) at the Gateway to the Americas Bridge port of entry in Laredo, TX. CBP paroled him into the United States until October 26, 2015.

On November 3, 2014, CASTRO submitted an Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status, Form I-485, to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS).

On July 24, 2015, USCIS approved CASTRO's Form I-485 application adjusting his status to that of a Lawful Permanent Resident.

On December 8, 2016, the U.S. District Court Southern District of Texas in Laredo, TX convicted CASTRO of Conspiracy to Transport and Move an Undocumented Alien Within the United States by Means of Transportation, and sentenced him to 12 months and one day confinement and 3 years of supervised probation.

On October 18, 2017, ERO Atlanta encountered CASTRO at the D. Ray James (DRJ) Federal Correctional Institute in Folkston, GA, and served him with a Notice to Appear (NTA), Form I-862, as he appeared amenable to removal from the U.S. pursuant to Section 237(a)(2)(A)(iii) of the Immigration and Nationality Act.

On November 24, 2017, DRJ released CASTRO to ERO Atlanta's custody and he was transferred to the Stewart Detention Center (SDC) in Lumpkin, GA.

On November 28, 2017, the Office of Chief Counsel reviewed CASTRO's NTA and determined it to be legally sufficient.

On January 4, 2018, the immigration judge ordered CASTRO removed to Cuba. CASTRO waived his right to appeal.

On January 7, 2018, at approximately 2320 hours EST, Core Civic officers transported CASTRO to the Southwest Regional Medical Center (SWRMC) in Cuthbert, GA, for evaluation and treatment for pneumonia.

On January 8, 2018, at approximately 0030 hours EST, SWRMC admitted CASTRO.

On January 9, 2018, IHSC at the SDC informed ERO Atlanta that CASTRO was resisting all medical treatment causing his medical conditions for pneumonia to increase in severity. IHSC staff coordinated with Core Civic and transferred CASTRO to the Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital (PPMH) in Albany, GA. PPMH medical staff placed CASTRO on a ventilator, stabilizing his deteriorating medical condition.

On January 12, 2018, IHSC advised ERO Atlanta that CASTRO's medical condition had worsened. ERO Atlanta contacted CASTRO's spouse, mother and brother, and advised them of his declining health condition. ERO Atlanta facilitated the family's visit to CASTRO at PPMH at 1100 hours EST on January 13, 2018.

On January 17, 2018, PPMH transported CASTRO by a medically equipped helicopter to the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville, FL as CASTRO required a higher level of care than could be provided by PPMH.

On January 20, 2018, GEO security staff advised ERO Atlanta that CASTRO's family members refused to sign a Do Not Resuscitate order.

On January 20, 2018 and January 22, 2018, CASTRO's family visited him at the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville, FL.

On January 22, 2018, IHSC reported that CASTRO was in critical condition and in a coma.

On January 30, 2018, the Mayo Clinic reported that CASTRO's condition deteriorated documenting he suffered from septic shock, hypotension and bradycardia, and that he was unresponsive to treatment efforts. CASTRO went into respiratory arrest and subsequently cardiac arrest shortly after 2000 hours. Emergency resuscitation efforts were immediately initiated but after approximately 15 minutes, the physician pronounced CASTRO deceased at 2017 hours EST.

CASTRO is the second detainee to pass away in ICE custody in fiscal year 2018.

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**From:** Jose Olivares  
**Sent:** Fri, 23 Feb 2018 18:46:09 +0000  
**To:** Spicer, Tamara  
**Cc:** ICEMedia  
**Subject:** Re: Following up: Questions from The Intercept regarding detainee death  
**Attachments:** signature.asc

Hi Tamara,

How are you doing? I hope all is going well.

I wanted to follow up with you regarding Yulio Castro-Garrido's death, who was previously held at the Stewart Detention Center.

I am curious about what the reporting process was like when Mr. Castro died. In the original press release, it says he had "initially resisted medical treatment." The press release was then updated to clarify his case was "resistant to some forms of medical intervention."

Can you please clarify what "resistant to some forms of medical intervention" means? Can you also please clarify what led the ICE report to originally say he had resisted medical treatment?

Thank you so much,

José

On Feb 15, 2018, at 7:19 PM, Spicer, Tamara  
<[TAMARA.SPICER@ice.dhs.gov](mailto:TAMARA.SPICER@ice.dhs.gov)> wrote:

Thanks Jose, I am doing well, I hope you are too.

**From:** Jose Olivares [<mailto:jose.olivares@theintercept.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 15, 2018 6:47 PM  
**To:** Spicer, Tamara  
**Subject:** Re: Following up: Questions from The Intercept regarding detainee death

Hi Tamara,

Thank you so much for this response, I greatly appreciate it.

I hope you are doing well.

Thank you,

Jose

On Feb 15, 2018, at 6:40 PM, Spicer, Tamara  
<[TAMARA.SPICER@ice.dhs.gov](mailto:TAMARA.SPICER@ice.dhs.gov)> wrote:

Jose, we are not able to release anything further on Mr. Castro-Garrido, as the case is undergoing a comprehensive review.

Also, ICE is currently reviewing the report you cited (<https://www.oig.dhs.gov/sites/default/files/assets/2017-12/OIG-18-32-Dec17.pdf>) to develop a plan to make changes to operations, if needed.

Finally, on your last question, I believe our Press Secretary has provided you all the information that would be available.

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**From:** Jose Olivares [<mailto:jose.olivares@theintercept.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 15, 2018 12:29 PM  
**To:** Spicer, Tamara  
**Cc:** ICEMedia  
**Subject:** Following up: Questions from The Intercept regarding detainee death

Hi, Tamara:

I hope you are doing well.

I wanted to follow up with you regarding questions on the Stewart Detention Center. Please find those questions below:  
— Regarding the death of Mr. Yulio Castro-Garrido (<https://www.ice.gov/news/releases/ice-detainee-passes-away>), can you please clarify the claim “Mr. Castro initially

resisted medical treatment"? How did he resist the treatment?

— Will ICE be investigating conditions in the Stewart Detention Center, as a result of Mr. Castro's death?

— How has ICE monitored conditions at the Stewart Detention Center, since the Office of Inspector General published the report on worrying detainee treatment at Stewart? <https://www.oig.dhs.gov/sites/default/files/assets/2017-12/OIG-18-32-Dec17.pdf>

— After reviewing detainee deaths since the beginning of Fiscal Year 2016, The Intercept found the majority of them are occurring in privately contracted detention facilities. Why is this the case? Are there different conditions in facilities that are privately contracted? Or is there a higher proportion of detainees housed in private facilities, making this the case?

Please let me know when a response may be available.

Thank you so much,

Jose Olivares

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Elzea, Jennifer" <[Jennifer.Elzea@ice.dhs.gov](mailto:Jennifer.Elzea@ice.dhs.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: Questions from The Intercept regarding detainee death

**Date:** February 9, 2018 at 1:43:57 PM EST

**To:** Jose Olivares <[jose.olivares@theintercept.com](mailto:jose.olivares@theintercept.com)>

**Cc:** "Spicer, Tamara" <[TAMARA.SPICER@ice.dhs.gov](mailto:TAMARA.SPICER@ice.dhs.gov)>, ICEMedia <[ICEMedia@ice.dhs.gov](mailto:ICEMedia@ice.dhs.gov)>

Jose,

Once again, I'd ask you to send queries to the ICEMedia box. [ICEMedia@ice.dhs.gov](mailto:ICEMedia@ice.dhs.gov) so I am not a single point of failure.

In terms of the various business models of our detention facilities, here is the latest I can provide:

As of July 1, 2017 (the beginning of the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of FY17), ICE's Average Daily Population (ADP) was 38,613. As of July 2017, ICE used 201 authorized adult detention facilities (not

including family facilities) to house 93% of the Fiscal Year 2017 (FY17) ADP, including:

- Five government-owned Service Processing Centers (SPC), housing 9% of the FY17 ADP. SPCs are staffed by a combination of federal and contract staff. (FY17 ADP 3,336 detainees)
- Eight Contract Detention Facilities (CDF), housing 18% of FY17 ADP. CDFs are facilities owned by a private company and contracted directly with the federal government. (FY17 ADP 6,897 detainees)
- 12 dedicated Intergovernmental Service Agreements (IGSA) facilities, housing 26% of FY17 ADP. Dedicated IGSA facilities enable ICE to contract with a local government entity for exclusive use of the facility, and the local governmental entity contracts for facility staffing/operations. (FY17 ADP 10,131 detainees)
- 82 non-dedicated IGSA, housing 21% of FY17 ADP. At non-dedicated IGSA ICE will contract for partial use of the facility. (FY17 ADP 8,043 detainees)
- 94 facilities with a USMS Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA), housing 20% of FY17 ADP. At USMS IGA facilities, ICE obtains bed space through an existing agreement that each facility maintains with the USMS. (FY17 ADP 7,608 detainees)
- Most of the non-dedicated IGSA and IGAs are county jails; however, 47% of these facilities will have an ADP of less than 10 detainees.
- The remaining 7% of FY17 ADP are housed in Family, BOP, hospitals, and infrequently used facilities with low populations. (FY17 ADP 2,597 detainees)
- In considering the DOJ directive regarding private prisons in relation to ICE's use of privatized immigration detention, we believe it is important to understand how the BOP system compares to the ICE detention system.
- ICE uses these various kinds of facilities to meet the agency's detention needs while achieving the highest possible cost savings for the taxpayer. Current bed day rate is approximately \$129.
- The programming and conditions at ICE SPCs, CDFs and dedicated IGSA in large part exceed the conditions at many of the non-dedicated IGSA and/or county jails that hold detainees. These facilities are operated to house only immigration detainees and are subject to the 2011 Performance Based National Detention Standards.

· ICE currently has either permanent or roving staff at 50 CDFs, dedicated IGSAs and non-dedicated IGSAs, housing 66 percent of the FY 2017 total ADP. The ICE staff monitors conditions of confinement on a daily basis and ensures these facilities are meeting the ICE detention standards and other contractual requirements.

· ICE currently has either permanent or roving staff at 55 CDFs, SPCs, dedicated IGSAs and non-dedicated IGSAs, housing 75 percent of the FY 2017 total ADP. The ICE staff monitors conditions of confinement on a daily basis and ensures these facilities are meeting the ICE detention standards and other contractual requirements.

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I'm also copying Tamara Spicer here who can provide info about local efforts surrounding the Stewart facility. I believe they are currently reviewing the report to develop a plan to make changes to their operations, if needed.

Regards,  
Jennifer

*Jennifer D. Elzea*

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**From:** Jose Olivares [<mailto:jose.olivares@theintercept.com>]

**Sent:** Friday, February 09, 2018 1:02 PM

**To:** Elzea, Jennifer

**Subject:** Re: Questions from The Intercept regarding detainee death

Hi Jennifer,

I'm so sorry to hear you were sick. I hope you are feeling better!

Thank you so much for passing this on, I greatly appreciate it. There were also some questions included for more general points, that are not just specific to Georgia. I would greatly appreciate some your insight for those. Please let me know if this is possible (they are listed at the bottom of this email).

Thank you so much! I hope you are doing better. Sorry to hear you were out with the flu — seems it has been going around these past two weeks.

Take care,

Jose

— How many detention facilities does ICE manage in the U.S.?

— How many of ICE's facilities are privately contracted in the U.S.?

— How many detainees are held in privately contracted detention facilities?

— How many detainees are held in publicly-run detention facilities?

— After reviewing detainee deaths since the beginning of Fiscal Year 2016, The Intercept found the majority of them are occurring in privately contracted detention facilities. Why is this the case? Are there different conditions in facilities that are privately contracted? Or is there a higher proportion of detainees housed in private facilities, making this the case?

On Feb 8, 2018, at 9:54 PM, Elzea, Jennifer  
<[Jennifer.Elzea@ice.dhs.gov](mailto:Jennifer.Elzea@ice.dhs.gov)> wrote:

Jose,

Apologies for my delayed response. I was out with the flu. In the future, best to send your queries to our main media box at [ICEMedia@ice.dhs.gov](mailto:ICEMedia@ice.dhs.gov) so that I'm not a single point of failure.

I am connecting you here with colleagues who are covering Georgia for public affairs. I see that you have reviewed the news release regarding Mr. Castro-Garrido's passing. We will not be able to provide additional information about that case, but they may be able to give general information regarding the Stewart facility.

They can be in touch tomorrow, assuming there is not a lapse in government funding overnight tonight.

Regards,  
Jennifer

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**From:** Jose Olivares  
[<mailto:jose.olivares@theintercept.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 08, 2018 5:30 PM  
**To:** Elzea, Jennifer  
**Subject:** Re: Questions from The Intercept regarding detainee death

Hi Ms. Elzea,

I hope you are doing well.

I wanted to follow up with you regarding the questions below. Please let me know if anyone is able to answer them, or when we may expect a response.

Thank you so much.

Take care,

Jose

On Feb 6, 2018, at 11:50 AM, Jose Olivares  
<[jose.olivares@theintercept.com](mailto:jose.olivares@theintercept.com)>  
wrote:

Hi Ms. Elzea,

I hope this email finds you well. My Name is Jose Olivares, I am a reporter with The Intercept.

I wanted to follow up with you regarding some questions I sent to

ICEMedia last Friday. These are the questions I sent:

— How many detention facilities does ICE manage in the U.S.?

— How many of ICE's facilities are privately contracted in the U.S.?

— Regarding the death of Mr. Yulio Castro-Garrido (<https://www.ice.gov/news/releases/ice-detainee-passes-away>), can you please clarify the claim “Mr. Castro initially resisted medical treatment”? How did he resist the treatment?

— Will ICE be investigating conditions in the Stewart Detention Center, as a result of Mr. Castro's death?

— How has ICE monitored conditions at the Stewart Detention Center, since the Office of Inspector General published the report on worrying detainee treatment at Stewart? <https://www.oig.dhs.gov/sites/default/files/assets/2017-12/OIG-18-32-Dec17.pdf>

— After reviewing detainee deaths since the beginning of Fiscal Year 2016, The Intercept found the majority of them are occurring in privately contracted detention facilities. Why is this the case? Are there different conditions in facilities that are privately contracted? Or is there a higher proportion of detainees housed in private facilities, making this the case?

I also wanted to add two more questions, in addendum to the first two:

— How many detainees are held in privately contracted detention facilities?

— How many detainees are held in publicly-run detention facilities?

Thank you so much. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Take care,

Jose Olivares  
Bilingual Journalist  
[jose.olivares@theintercept.com](mailto:jose.olivares@theintercept.com)

On Feb 2, 2018, at 6:55 PM, Elzea, Jennifer  
<[Jennifer.Elzea@ice.dhs.gov](mailto:Jennifer.Elzea@ice.dhs.gov)> wrote:

I'm out of the office the afternoon of Fri, Feb. 2. I'll return your message as soon as I'm back in the office. Please pardon any delay in my response.

If you need assistance with a press query, please e-mail [ICEMedia@ice.dhs.gov](mailto:ICEMedia@ice.dhs.gov). If you have already sent a note to ICEMedia, PLEASE DO NOT RESEND. A member of the press team will get back to you as soon as possible.

Jennifer Elzea  
ICE Press Secretary

**From:** Spicer, Tamara  
**Sent:** 30 Jan 2018 15:12:22 -0500  
**To:** Elzea, Jennifer; Yglesias, Nestor J  
**Cc:** Rodriguez, Sarah  
**Subject:** RE: Hospital Update

I think this is a new one for us, but will unfortunately we will start looking into it, Tammy

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**From:** Elzea, Jennifer  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 30, 2018 3:05 PM  
**To:** Yglesias, Nestor J; Spicer, Tamara  
**Cc:** Rodriguez, Sarah  
**Subject:** FW: Hospital Update

FYI- I think we exchanged info on this case before, but I'm told there is not much time left now, sadly. This is originally an ATL case, but I believe he's receiving care near Miami at a Mayo Clinic facility.

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**From:** Miller, Philip T  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 30, 2018 12:35 PM  
**To:** Elzea, Jennifer; Johnson, Liz  
**Cc:** #ERO CHIEFS OF STAFF  
**Subject:** FW: Hospital Update

For your awareness.

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([www.blackberry.com](http://www.blackberry.com))

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**From:** Smith, Stewart D (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)  
**Date:** Tuesday, Jan 23, 2018, 11:59  
**To:** Asher, Nathalie R (b)(6);(b)(7)(C), Miller, Philip T (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)  
**Cc:** (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) Jennings, David W (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)  
(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)  
**Subject:** RE: Hospital Update

Update: A third chest tube has been inserted to further drain the lungs. With this continued lung deterioration, the lung is essentially slowly exploding. (b)(5)

(b)(5)

Very complex case.

R/ Stew

Dr. Stewart D. Smith, DHSc, MPH, CCHP  
Assistant Director | ICE Health Service Corps

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**From:** Smith, Stewart D  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 23, 2018 9:33 AM  
**To:** Asher, Nathalie R; Miller, Philip T  
**Cc:** (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) Jennings, David W; (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)  
**Subject:** RE: Hospital Update

He is continuing to deteriorate in a medical drug induced coma and has multiple progressive pulmonary infiltrates and poor prognosis. (b)(5)

(b)(5)

R/ Stew

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**From:** Asher, Nathalie R  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 23, 2018 8:54 AM  
**To:** Smith, Stewart D  
**Cc:** (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) Jennings, David W; (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)  
**Subject:** RE: Hospital Update

Thx Doc

NRA

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**From:** Smith, Stewart D  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 23, 2018 8:46 AM  
**To:** Asher, Nathalie R (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)  
**Subject:** RE: Hospital Update

Just heard as well. Getting more details now and will pass along.

Dr. Stewart D. Smith, DHSc, MPH, CCHP  
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Email: (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

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**From:** Asher, Nathalie R  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 23, 2018 8:43 AM  
**To:** Miller, Philip T  
**Cc:** #ERO CHIEFS OF STAFF; Smith, Stewart D  
**Subject:** FW: Hospital Update

We learned from ATL that Mr. CASTRO is in a coma. We continue to stand by to initiate protocol.

NRA

FROM ATL IHSC:

Castro-Garrido, Yulio currently admitted to Mayo Clinic RM 404 in Jacksonville, FL 1/17/18. Detainee was transferred from Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital, Albany Ga--MICU RM 11 (transferred from SWGRH – CUTHBERT)

For report please call 904 956-(b)(6);  
(b)(7)(C) and ask for floor supervisor.

**Hospital Day :** 15

**Name:** Castro-Garrido, Yulio

**A#** (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

**DOB:** 10/27/1984

**Country Citizenship:** Cuba

**Date of Arrival:** 11/24/2017

**Relevant Medical History:** None

**Date of admission:** 1/8/2018

**Current Diagnosis:** Pneumonia and Flu-A, MRSA

**Attending Physician:** (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) (Infectious Disease)

**Current status:** 1/22/18

Detainee is currently a Full Code and in critical condition. Detainee is comatose with vital signs as follow: Blood Pressure 139/65, Respirations 26, Heart Rate 110, Temperature 37.5C.

Detainee has tracheostomy and currently on Pressure Control Ventilator, setting as follows: FIO2- 100%, Respirations- 26, Pressure above Peep - 27. Detainee has left chest tube with 15 ml of serosanguineous drainage and right chest tube with 210 ml of serous drainage. Recent ABG's drawn: PH 7.295, PCO2 95.6, PO2 112.6, Bicarb 45.5. Detainee is receiving supplemental nutrition via NG tube, Oxepa 25 ml/hour. He is also receiving 30 ml free water flush every four hours. Foley catheter is in place with urinary output of 30-60 ml/ hour. Has Left subclavian catheter and right radial arterial line in place. FSBS Q4hr.

(b)(6);(b)(7)(C) at the MAYO Clinic spoke with (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) the Clinical Director (CD) at SDC, 1/18/18 at approximately 0930 and indicated they were going to perform a tracheostomy and then transfer the detainee back to the sending facility in Albany, GA (Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital) as the detainee is not a candidate for ECHMO. (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) requested (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) reconsider the decision to transfer the detainee and continue treatment at the Mayo Clinic.

(b)(6);(b)(7)(C) did reiterated that a tracheostomy was performed and detainee is in stable condition to be transferred back to Phoebe Putney since he is not a candidate for ECHMO.

On January 17, 2018, while preparing the detainee to be transferred from Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital in Albany, GA to the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville, Florida the detainee went into cardiac arrest at approximately 1336 when he was disconnected from the vent system. The detainee was successfully resuscitated and subsequently transported to Mayo Clinic at approximately 1530 on January 17, 2018.

**Lab results:** Bronchoscopy showed MRSA, Blood cultures positive for Bordetella Holmesii. Influenza A +

1/22/18 - PH 7.295, PCO2 95.6, PO2 112.6, Bicarb 45.5

1/22/18 – AM Labs: Hemoglobin 8.4, Hematocrit 227.99.4, WBC 26.1, Platelets 360, Sodium 139, Potassium 4.3, Calcium 7.8, Phosphorous 4.2, Creatinine 0.9, BUN 26

1/22/18 – Blood Gases: PH 7.37, PCO2 80, PO2 142, Bicarb 45

1/20/18 – Hemoglobin 9.4, Hematocrit 29.4, WBC 31.6, Platelets 450, Blood glucose 128 Sodium 145, Potassium 4.2, Calcium 7.3, Phosphorous 3.4, Creatinine 0.8

1/20/18 – Blood Gases: PH 7.34, PCO2 73.9, PO2 63.1, Bicarb 39.1

01/19/2018- Hemoglobin 9.3, Hematocrit 29.2, Platelets 423, WBC 31.8, RBC 3.24, Sodium 145, Potassium 4.1, BUN 26, Creatinine 0.9, Blood Glucose 131

01/19/2018 Blood Gases: PH – 7.37, PCO2- 59, PO2- 70, Bicarb-35

01/18/2018-AM Labs: WBC – 37.6, Hemoglobin 9.2, Hematocrit 29.1, Platelets 381; Chemistry-Sodium 154, Potassium 4.1, Chloride 109, BUN 32, Creatinine 0.9, Phosphorous 2.8, Calcium 7.4

Blood gases : PH – 7.4, PCO2 – 64, PO2 – 61.7, Bicarb 40,

01/16/2018-WBC – 58.3.9, Hemoglobin 11.4, Hematocrit 35, Platelets 312; Chemistry-Sodium 147, Potassium 5.8, Chloride 109, BUN 35, Creatinine 0.90, Phosphorous 3.5, Magnesium 2.2.

01/15/2018-Blood gases : PH - 7.415, PO2 – 43.8, PO2 – 63, Bicarb 28.1.

**Vitals** BP: 145/55 (MAP 85) HR: 112 O2 Sat 92 Resp: 36 T: 101.1

**Medication:** Propofol at 80 mcg/hr, Fentanyl at 200 mcg/hr, Azithromycin 500mg q24hrs, Linezolid 600mg q12hrs, Tylenol q6hr PRN . Heparin 5,000 SQ Q12, Fish Oil 2,000 MG TID, Nimbex 6mcg/kl/minute, Protonix 40 MG IV Q 24,

**Report Received from :** (b)(6);(b)(7)(C), RN

Respectfully,

(b)(6);(b)(7)(C), RN

InGenesis, INC.

Stewart Detention Center

ICE Health Service Corps (IHSC)

Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO)

U.S. Immigrations and Customs Enforcement

146 CCA Road

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**From:** Rodriguez, Sarah  
**Sent:** 2 Feb 2018 15:05:30 +0000  
**To:** Spicer, Tamara  
**Cc:** ICEMedia  
**Subject:** RE: Interview Request

Excellent.

Sarah Rodriguez  
Office of Public Affairs  
o: 202.732.(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)  
m: 202.486.(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

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**From:** Spicer, Tamara  
**Sent:** Friday, February 2, 2018 10:05 AM  
**To:** Rodriguez, Sarah  
**Cc:** ICEMedia  
**Subject:** RE: Interview Request

They can be there at 1:30 today, that's nice to know.

I will be sending regrets!

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**From:** Rodriguez, Sarah  
**Sent:** Friday, February 02, 2018 10:03 AM  
**To:** Spicer, Tamara  
**Cc:** ICEMedia  
**Subject:** FW: Interview Request

Sarah Rodriguez  
Office of Public Affairs  
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**From:** Fernando Ordaz [<mailto:fordaz@UNIVISION.NET>]  
**Sent:** Friday, February 2, 2018 9:56 AM  
**To:** ICEMedia  
**Subject:** Interview Request

Good morning,

I would like to know if a spokesperson is available to do an interview about the death of Yulio Castro-Garrido, who was in custody of ICE at the Stewart Detention Center in Georgia. I can be at the Atlanta office [around 1:30 pm](#).

Thank you,

Fernando

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Spicer, Tamara  
**Sent:** 31 Jan 2018 17:38:59 -0500  
**To:** Rodriguez, Sarah  
**Cc:** Yglesias, Nestor J  
**Subject:** RE: OPA Issue: Death of detainee

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**From:** Rodriguez, Sarah  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 31, 2018 5:38 PM  
**To:** Spicer, Tamara  
**Cc:** Yglesias, Nestor J  
**Subject:** RE: OPA Issue: Death of detainee

You guys can go ahead and send the news release for posting.

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**From:** Spicer, Tamara  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 31, 2018 12:08 PM  
**To:** #ICE OPA ERO Issue Paper  
**Cc:** (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) Yglesias, Nestor J  
**Subject:** OPA Issue: Death of detainee

**DEADLINE:** PAO will not do any release until after ERO has cleared, and after all notifications are complete.

**ISSUE:** Passing of an ICE detainee

**STATEMENT:**

ATLANTA – A Cuban national in the custody of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) died Tuesday night at the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville, Fla.

Yulio Castro-Garrido, 33, was transported Jan. 7 to Southwest Regional Medical Center (SWRMC) in Cuthbert, Ga. after ICE Health Service Corps (ISHC) medical personnel at the Stewart Detention Center (SDC) in Lumpkin, Ga. diagnosed him with pneumonia.

After diagnosis, Mr. Castro initially resisted medical treatment which caused his condition to worsen. On Jan. 9, IHSC staff coordinated the transfer of Castro to the Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital (PPMH) in Albany, Ga. where he was placed on a ventilator to stabilize him.

On Jan. 17, PPMH transported to the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville for additional treatment. Mr. Castro slipped into a coma Jan. 22 and never regained consciousness.

Consistent with agency protocols, next of kin and appropriate state health and local law enforcement agencies have been notified about the death, as have the Department of Homeland Security's Office of Inspector General and the ICE Office of Professional Responsibility. Additionally, ICE will also notify the Cuban Embassy in Washington, DC.

ICE is firmly committed to the health and welfare of all those in its custody and is undertaking a comprehensive review of this incident, as it does in all such cases. Fatalities in ICE custody,

statistically, are exceedingly rare and occur at a fraction of the rate of the U.S. detained population as a whole. This agency's comprehensive review will be conducted by ICE senior leadership to include Enforcement and Removal Operations, the Office of Professional Responsibility and the Office of the Principal Legal Advisor.

Mr. Castro entered ICE custody on Nov. 24, following his transfer from the D. Ray James Federal Correctional Institute in Folkston, Ga. Castro was convicted Dec 8, 2016 of conspiracy to transport and move an undocumented alien within the United States by means of transportation and sentenced to a year and one day of confinement and three years of supervised probation. An immigration judge with the Executive Office for Immigration Review ordered Castro to be removed to Cuba Jan. 4; Mr. Castro waived his right to appeal.

Mr. Castro is the second detainee to pass away in ICE custody in fiscal year 2018.

**INTERNAL INFORMATION (NOT FOR RELEASE):**

On January 7, 2018, ERO Atlanta notified ERO HQ Domestic Operations that Yulio CASTRO-Garrido, (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) a 33 year-old citizen and national of Cuba, would be admitted to the Southwest Georgia Regional Hospital in Cuthbert, GA for pneumonia and Flu-A treatment. On January 17, 2018, CASTRO was transferred to Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville, FL via air ambulance as the ICE Health Service Corps (IHSC) reported that CASTRO's condition continued to deteriorate.

**BACKGROUND:**

On October 27, 2013, CASTRO applied for admission to U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) at the Gateway to the Americas Bridge port of entry in Laredo, TX. CASTRO stated that he had a fear of returning to his home country of Cuba. CBP paroled CASTRO into the United States until October 26, 2015.

On November 3, 2014, CASTRO submitted an Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status, Form I-485, to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS).

On July 24, 2015, USCIS approved CASTRO's Form I-485 application adjusting his status to a Lawful Permanent Resident.

On December 8, 2016, the U.S. District Court Southern District of Texas in Laredo, TX convicted CASTRO of conspiracy to transport and move an undocumented alien within the United States by means of transportation and sentenced him to 12 months and one day confinement and 3 years of supervised probation.

On October 18, 2017, ERO Atlanta encountered CASTRO at the D. Ray James (DRJ) Federal Correctional Institute in Folkston, GA. ERO Atlanta determined CASTRO to be a Lawful Permanent Resident with an aggravated felony conviction and served him with a Notice to Appear, Form I-862, pursuant to Section 237(a)(2)(A)(iii) of the Immigration and Nationality Act.

On November 24, 2017, DRJ released CASTRO to ERO Atlanta's custody and he was transferred to the Stewart Detention Center (SDC) in Lumpkin, GA.

On November 28, 2017, the Office of Chief Counsel reviewed CASTRO's Form I-862 and determined it to be legally sufficient.

On January 4, 2018, the immigration judge ordered CASTRO removed to Cuba. CASTRO waived his right to appeal.

On January 7, 2018, at approximately 2321 hours EST, Core Civic officers transported CASTRO to the Southwest Regional Medical Center (SWRMC) in Cuthbert, GA for evaluation and treatment for pneumonia.

On January 8, 2018, at approximately 0030 hours EST, SWRMC admitted CASTRO.

On January 9, 2018, IHSC at the SDC informed ERO Atlanta that CASTRO was resisting all medical treatment causing his medical conditions for pneumonia to increase in severity. IHSC staff coordinated with Core Civic and transferred CASTRO to the Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital (PPMH) in Albany, GA. PPMH medical staff placed CASTRO on a ventilator, stabilizing his deteriorating medical condition.

On January 12, 2018, IHSC advised ERO Atlanta that CASTRO's medical condition had worsened. ERO Atlanta contacted CASTRO's spouse, mother, and brother and advised them of his declining health condition. ERO Atlanta facilitated the family's visit to CASTRO at PPMH at 1100 hours EST on January 13, 2018.

On January 17, 2018, PPMH transported CASTRO by a medically equipped helicopter to the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville, FL as CASTRO requires a higher level of care than could be provided by PPMH.

On January 20, 2018, GEO security staff advised ERO Atlanta that CASTRO's family members refused to sign a Do Not Resuscitate Order.

On January 20, 2018 and January 22, 2018, CASTRO's family visited him at the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville, FL.

On January 22, 2018, IHSC reported that CASTRO's is in critical condition and in a coma.

Tammy Spicer

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**From:** Miller, Philip T  
**Sent:** 20 Feb 2018 16:23:47 -0500  
**To:** Elzea, Jennifer  
**Subject:** RE: OPA ISSUE: Updating Detainee Death News Release from Jan. 31

Ok, thanks Jen. I didn't realize they were kicking around an edit for 4 hours...

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**From:** Elzea, Jennifer  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 20, 2018 4:19 PM  
**To:** Miller, Philip T  
**Subject:** RE: OPA ISSUE: Updating Detainee Death News Release from Jan. 31

We had already published the update when you sent, so probably best to just leave it alone for now.

JE

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**From:** Miller, Philip T  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 20, 2018 2:19 PM  
**To:** Elzea, Jennifer  
**Subject:** FW: OPA ISSUE: Updating Detainee Death News Release from Jan. 31

See below from IHSC. Sorry they're just sending this now. I'm not sure if their language is consumable but maybe you could reach to (b)(6) and get something more suitable for print.

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**From:** (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 20, 2018 2:12 PM  
**To:** Miller, Philip T  
**Subject:** FW: OPA ISSUE: Updating Detainee Death News Release from Jan. 31

Phil, I sincerely apologize for sending this recommendation so late . I wanted you to have it if you wanted to change the language. I had sent it but Stew said language was already approved. Thx for your consideration. (b)(6);

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([www.blackberry.com](http://www.blackberry.com))

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**From:** (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)  
**Date:** Tuesday, Feb 20, 2018, 12:46 PM  
**To:** Smith, Stewart D (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)  
**Cc:** (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

**Subject:** RE: OPA ISSUE: Updating Detainee Death News Release from Jan. 31

Stew, I did not like what was written . I rewrote it . as in red

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**From:** Smith, Stewart D  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 20, 2018 12:28 PM  
**To:** Elzea, Jennifer; #ICE OPA ERO Issue Paper  
**Cc:** (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) Spicer, Tamara; Yglesias, Nestor J  
**Subject:** RE: OPA ISSUE: Updating Detainee Death News Release from Jan. 31

Thx Jennifer.

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**From:** Elzea, Jennifer  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 20, 2018 10:31 AM  
**To:** #ICE OPA ERO Issue Paper  
**Cc:** Smith, Stewart D; (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) Spicer, Tamara; Yglesias, Nestor J  
**Subject:** RE: OPA ISSUE: Updating Detainee Death News Release from Jan. 31

All,

See updated language below suggested by IHSC. Please confirm when ERO clears and we'll update online.

Thanks!

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**Subject:** OPA ISSUE: Updating Detainee Death News Release from Jan. 31

Good morning,

**ISSUE:** Below is an updated version of the news release announcing the detainee death that occurred Jan. 30 at the Mayo Clinic in Florida. Based on the most recent meeting of the detainee death review board, new information gathered dictates that we update the news release to clarify that the individual did not

refuse medical treatment, but rather his case was resistant to some methods of medical intervention attempted, which caused his condition to worsen. Updated areas are highlighted.

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**From:** Spicer, Tamara  
**Sent:** 31 Jan 2018 09:22:25 -0500  
**To:** Elzea, Jennifer;Rodriguez, Sarah;Bennett, Danielle;Raedy, Brendan;Bourke, Matthew D;Martinez, Luis M;Cutrell, Carissa F  
**Cc:** Yglesias, Nestor J;Byrd, Thomas N  
**Subject:** RE: Southern am 1-31-18

Forgot to add that Tampa PAO is attending CRCL meeting this afternoon at request of DSAC, several of the protesting groups from yesterday will be in attendance at the meeting.

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**Sent:** Wednesday, January 31, 2018 9:21 AM  
**To:** Elzea, Jennifer; Rodriguez, Sarah; Bennett, Danielle; Raedy, Brendan; Bourke, Matthew D; Martinez, Luis M; Cutrell, Carissa F  
**Cc:** Yglesias, Nestor J; Byrd, Thomas N  
**Subject:** Southern am 1-31-18

**New Orleans:**  
PAO supporting Super Bowl operations.

**Miami:**  
PAO received a query from the BBC late yesterday regarding our anti human smuggling Operation Roto Caribe. PAO informed the reporter that this is part of an ongoing investigation and that we would not be able to comment.

**Atlanta:**  
PAOs are working on release on passing of detainee, Cuban national Yulio Castro-Garrido.

PAO received follow up question from a reporter from Norsan media who is working on a story regarding 287g.

PAO received a similar query from a reporter with The Charlotte Observer regarding 287g. PAO will be providing the previously cleared stats.

Finalizing (again) AJC tour of Folkston for morning of Feb. 15.

Still working four detainee interview requests at Stewart.

USAO PAO called with questions about illegal immigrants encountered during a DEA meth action.

New query on (b)(6);(b)(7)(C), will start researching.

**Tampa:**

Coordinating for special agent, whose case is being featured in documentary at major film festival, to attend the festival!

Have some media follow up from yesterday's protests.

Expecting child predator sentencing tomorrow, working on SAC quote.

Tammy Spicer

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**From:** Spicer, Tamara  
**Sent:** 6 Feb 2018 17:23:28 +0000  
**To:** Whelan, Justine M;ICEMedia  
**Subject:** RE: Telemundo Network

Got it

Tammy Spicer  
U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Public Affairs Officer

**From:** Whelan, Justine M <(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)>  
**Date:** Tuesday, Feb 06, 2018, 12:22 PM  
**To:** Spicer, Tamara <[TAMARA.SPICER@ice.dhs.gov](mailto:TAMARA.SPICER@ice.dhs.gov)>, ICEMedia <[ICEMedia@ice.dhs.gov](mailto:ICEMedia@ice.dhs.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Telemundo Network

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**From:** Munoz Serrano, Edgar (NBCUniversal) [mailto:[Edgar.Munoz@nbcuni.com](mailto:Edgar.Munoz@nbcuni.com)]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 6, 2018 12:14 PM  
**To:** ICEMedia  
**Subject:** Telemundo Network

Hi, I am working the story about the death of Yulio Castro-Garrido, who was a prisoner in the detencion center in Stewart in Lumpkin, Georgea and I would like to know if there is any information. Also, I would like to know the number of deaths in 2017 in the different detention centers in the country.



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**From:** Elzea, Jennifer  
**Sent:** 20 Feb 2018 11:50:59 -0500  
**To:** ICE Webmaster  
**Cc:** (b)(6);(b)(7)(C); Elzea, Jennifer;Rodriguez, Sarah;Spicer, Tamara;Yglesias, Nestor J  
**Subject:** Update to Detainee Death News Release

Good morning,

I'd like to request that our last [detainee death news release](#) be updated. Below is the text of the news release with the updated areas, including an editor's note, highlighted. Please let me know when it's updated, as I need to send the link to one reporter. No proactive notices should be made (no GovD, etc.).

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**Sent:** 31 Jan 2018 10:17:59 -0500  
**To:** Elzea, Jennifer;Rodriguez, Sarah  
**Cc:** Yglesias, Nestor J  
**Subject:** Detainee death draft release  
**Attachments:** Cuban national passes away in Jacksonville.doc

Ladies, here is our working draft, looking at prior releases, we need the number for this sentence:

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Also, let us know if there are any other changes you'd like to see at this point, Tammy

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**Sent:** 31 Jan 2018 20:35:51 +0000  
**To:** Gonzalez, Barbara M; Rocha, Richard A; (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)  
(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)  
**Cc:** ICEMedia  
**Subject:** Detainee Death Notifications  
**Attachments:** Cuban national passes away in ICE custody.pdf

Hi everyone ?

Could you please make your notifications using the attached PDF and advise when they're complete?

Thanks,

Sarah



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**From:** Elzea, Jennifer  
**Sent:** 13 Feb 2018 12:35:38 -0500  
**To:** Johnson, Liz  
**Cc:** (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) Rodriguez, Sarah  
**Subject:** FW: AJC reporting on the death of Yulio Castro-Garrido  
**Attachments:** Cuban national passes away in Jacksonville.pdf

FYI- (b)(5) The family of the individual who most recently passed away in ICE custody is talking to media saying that he was a healthy person and that he wouldn't/shouldn't have died from Pneumonia. We are declining comment beyond our press release <https://www.ice.gov/news/releases/ice-detainee-passes-away> because the regular reviews of a detainee death are ongoing for this case. (b)(5)

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From: Spicer, Tamara  
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 10:17 AM  
To: Elzea, Jennifer; Rodriguez, Sarah  
Subject: FW: AJC reporting on the death of Yulio Castro-Garrido

Jenn/Sarah ? (b)(5) but first wanted to let you have visibility on the serious accusations from the family.

Tammy

From: Redmon, Jeremy (CMG-Atlanta) [<mailto:Jeremy.Redmon@ajc.com>]  
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 10:11 AM

To: Spicer, Tamara  
Subject: AJC reporting on the death of Yulio Castro-Garrido

Good Morning Tammy,

As we discussed, I'm writing an article about the death of ICE detainee Yulio Castro-Garrido. Among my questions:

1. His younger brother (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) said his family was shocked to learn Yulio became sickened with pneumonia at Stewart Detention Center. (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) said Yulio was lean and healthy, he rarely drank alcohol and he didn't smoke before he was moved to Stewart. Could you explain how Yulio came down with pneumonia at Stewart?

2. (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) also expressed disbelief that his brother initially resisted medical treatment. ICE said in the attached news release that "After diagnosis, Mr. Castro initially resisted medical treatment which caused his condition to worsen." Could you elaborate on that statement? What medical treatment was he offered and how and why did he refuse it?

3. (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) said his family had an extraordinarily difficult time getting information from ICE about Yulio's condition and his whereabouts as he was transported from hospital to hospital before his death. (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) said his family first learned about Yulio's pneumonia when a fellow inmate called his uncle, days after Yulio was first diagnosed with the illness at Stewart. Further, (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) said his family didn't know Yulio had been transported to the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville until U.S. Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen's office intervened and contacted ICE about Yulio's location. What efforts did ICE undertake to keep Yulio's family informed of his condition, whereabouts and treatment?

4. What is the status of ICE's investigation of the death of Jean Jimenez-Joseph? Here is my last piece about his death:

<http://politics.myajc.com/news/state--regional-govt--politics/ice-detainee-wasn-observed-required-before-hanged-himself/6QWVp7xFVnEKSIc9MNJsKK/>

5. What are the total numbers of people who have died in ICE custody for this current fiscal year, fiscal year 2017 and fiscal year 2016?

Could you respond by tomorrow?

Thanks,

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**From:** Elzea, Jennifer  
**Sent:** 10 May 2018 15:01:18 +0000  
**To:** Elzea, Jennifer  
**Subject:** FW: Death of Detainee Yulio CASTRO (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)  
**Attachments:** Cuban national passes away in Jacksonville.doc

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**From:** Rodriguez, Sarah  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 31, 2018 11:46 AM  
**To:** Spicer, Tamara <TAMARA.SPICER@ice.dhs.gov>; Elzea, Jennifer <Jennifer.Elzea@ice.dhs.gov>  
**Cc:** Yglesias, Nestor J (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)  
**Subject:** RE: Death of Detainee Yulio CASTRO (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

Tammy –

Edits attached. Can you send up as an ERO Issue paper?

Just a reminder, once it's cleared, we do not send for posting until we make notifications (I'll handle those). I'll let you know when we're good to go for posting.

Thanks,  
Sarah

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**From:** Spicer, Tamara  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 31, 2018 5:37 AM  
**To:** Elzea, Jennifer; Rodriguez, Sarah  
**Cc:** Yglesias, Nestor J  
**Subject:** FW: Death of Detainee Yulio CASTRO (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

Sadly, the detainee passed, we are working it.

Tammy Spicer  
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**From:** (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)  
**Date:** Tuesday, Jan 30, 2018, 11:21 PM  
**To:** Spicer, Tamara <TAMARA.SPICER@ice.dhs.gov>  
**Cc:** (b)(6);(b)(7)(C), Gallagher, Sean W <(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)>  
(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

**Subject:** Death of Detainee Yulio CASTRO (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

Tammy,

Per my 1105 message, Mr. CASTRO, our detainee at the Mayo Clinic, passed away at 2017 this evening. Attached is a draft of an ES current until the time of his death as referenced below.

The official detainee death notification will be forthcoming from HQ shortly. PAO will be copied.

If you need anything else please let us know.

Thanks,

(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

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**To:** #IHSC\_SEN\_Medical

**Cc:** (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) #IHSC\_Stewart; (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

**Subject:** SEN Report Notification Death of Detainee

Detainee Castro-Garrido, Yulio ((b)(6);(b)(7)(C)) passed away at 2017 on 30 Jan 2018. The detainee had been transferred from Phoebe Putney Hospital in Albany, GA to the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville, FL on 17 Jan 2018 with a diagnosis of pneumonia and pneumonitis secondary to MRSA infection.

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Subject: SEN Report Notification Hospital Update

**SDC has two Detainees at the hospital**

**Detainee#1:**

Castro-Garrido, Yulio currently admitted to Mayo Clinic RM 404 in Jacksonville, FL.  
For report please call 904 956-(b)(6);(b)(7)(C) and ask for floor supervisor.

**Hospital Day :** 23

**Name:** Castro-Garrido, Yulio

**A#** (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)

**DOB:** 10/27/1984

**Country Citizenship:** Cuba

**Date of Arrival:** 11/24/2017

**Relevant Medical History:** None

**Date of admission:** 1/8/2018

**Current Diagnosis:** Pneumonia and Flu-A, MRSA

**Attending Physician:** (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) (Infectious Disease)

**Current status:** 1/30/18

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1/27/18- AM Labs: Hemoglobin 8.4, Hematocrit 29, WBC 17.4, Platelets 427, Sodium 143, Potassium 5.1, Calcium 8.3, Phosphorous 4.3, Creatinine 0.7, BUN 27, ALP 123, ALT 58, AST 52

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**Vitals signs:** BP: 98/52 (arterial), HR: 117, O2 Sat 93%, Respirations: 35, and Temp: 37.2C  
**Medication:** Albumin q6hrs, Propofol at 30 mcg/kg/min, Fentanyl at 125 mcg/kg/min, Azithromycin 1200mg weekly, Lasix 20mg/hr, Linezolid 600mg q12hrs, Tylenol q6hr PRN . Heparin 5,000 SQ Q8, Nimbex 7mcg/kg/minute, lansoprazole 30mg QD, Proteinex 30ml/15gm q4hrs NG, Relister 8mg QOD, Colace 100mg BID, Miralax 17gm QD, Bactrim 400mg/80mg QD, Eye lubricant  
**Report Received from :** (b)(6);(b)(7)(C), RN @2250

## **Detainee # 2**

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Thank you

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Jan. 31, 2018  
Contact ICE: Tammy Spicer  
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# News Release

## **Florida-area ICE detainee passes away**

ATLANTA – A Cuban national in the custody of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) died Tuesday night at the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville, Fla.

Yulio Castro-Garrido, 33, was transported Jan. 7 to Southwest Regional Medical Center (SWRMC) in Cuthbert, Ga. after ICE Health Service Corps (ISHC) medical personnel at the Stewart Detention Center (SDC) in Lumpkin, Ga. diagnosed him with pneumonia.

After diagnosis, Mr. Castro initially resisted medical treatment which caused his condition to worsen. On Jan. 9, IHSC staff coordinated the transfer of Castro to the Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital (PPMH) in Albany, Ga. where he was placed on a ventilator to stabilize him.

On Jan. 17, PPMH transported to the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville for additional treatment. Mr. Castro slipped into a coma Jan. 22 and never regained consciousness.

Consistent with agency protocols, next of kin and appropriate state health and local law enforcement agencies have been notified about the death, as have the Department of Homeland Security's Office of Inspector General and the ICE Office of Professional Responsibility. Additionally, ICE will also notify the Cuban Embassy in Washington, DC.

ICE is firmly committed to the health and welfare of all those in its custody and is undertaking a comprehensive review of this incident, as it does in all such cases. Fatalities in ICE custody, statistically, are exceedingly rare and occur at a fraction of the rate of the U.S. detained population as a whole. This agency's comprehensive review will be conducted by ICE senior leadership to include Enforcement and Removal Operations, the Office of Professional Responsibility and the Office of the Principal Legal Advisor.

Mr. Castro entered ICE custody on Nov. 24, following his transfer from the D. Ray James Federal Correctional Institute in Folkston, Ga. Castro was convicted Dec 8, 2016 of conspiracy to transport and move an undocumented alien within the United States by means of transportation and sentenced to a year and one day of confinement and three years of supervised probation. An immigration judge with the Executive Office for Immigration Review ordered Castro to be removed to Cuba Jan. 4; Mr. Castro waived his right to appeal.

Mr. Castro is the second detainee to pass away in ICE custody in fiscal year 2018.

# ICE #

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**From:** Spicer, Tamara  
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**Subject:** FW: Death of Detainee Yulio CASTRO (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)  
**Attachments:** ATL ES - Yulio CASTRO-Garrido (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) -Cuba(GS Passback).doc

Sadly, the detainee passed, we are working it.

Tammy Spicer  
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Tammy,

Per my 1105 message, Mr. CASTRO, our detainee at the Mayo Clinic, passed away at 2017 this evening. Attached is a draft of an ES current until the time of his death as referenced below.

The official detainee death notification will be forthcoming from HQ shortly. PAO will be copied.

If you need anything else please let us know.

Thanks,

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**Report Received from :** (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) RN @2250

**Detainee # 2**

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Thank you

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**Sent:** 9 Feb 2018 13:02:19 -0500  
**To:** Elzea, Jennifer; ICEMedia  
**Subject:** FW: Questions from The Intercept regarding detainee death

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**Sent:** Friday, February 09, 2018 11:24 AM  
**To:** Spicer, Tamara; (b)(6);(b)(7)(C)  
**Cc:** Byrd, Thomas N; Yglesias, Nestor J  
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**Date:** Friday, Feb 09, 2018, 11:22 AM

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**Cc:** Byrd, Thomas N <(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)>, Yglesias, Nestor J <(b)(6);(b)(7)(C)>

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(b)(7)(C)  
Thanks (b)(6);(b)(7)(C). I will find something, HQ had asked me to reach out and see if there was something more specific!

Tammy

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**Sent:** Thursday, February 08, 2018 9:55 PM

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**Cc:** Spicer, Tamara; Yglesias, Nestor J; Byrd, Thomas N; ICEMedia

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**Sent:** Thursday, February 08, 2018 5:30 PM

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**From:** Jose Olivares  
**Sent:** Thu, 15 Feb 2018 17:33:18 +0000  
**To:** Yglesias, Nestor J;Byrd, Thomas N  
**Cc:** ICEMedia  
**Subject:** Fwd: Following up: Questions from The Intercept regarding detainee death  
**Attachments:** signature.asc

Hi Nestor and Thomas,

I hope this email finds you well.

I just sent Tamara Spicer an email this morning (please see below), following up on questions regarding the Stewart Detention Center. I am wondering when a response may be available. Since she is out of the office, I was wondering if either of you could help.

Thank you so much.

Take care,

Jose

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In terms of the various business models of our detention facilities, here is the latest I can provide:

As of July 1, 2017 (the beginning of the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of FY17), ICE's Average Daily Population (ADP) was 38,613. As of July 2017, ICE used 201 authorized adult detention facilities (not including family facilities) to house 93% of the Fiscal Year 2017 (FY17) ADP, including:

- Five government-owned Service Processing Centers (SPC), housing 9% of the FY17 ADP. SPCs are staffed by a combination of federal and contract staff. (FY17 ADP 3,336 detainees)

- Eight Contract Detention Facilities (CDF), housing 18% of FY17 ADP. CDFs are facilities owned by a private company and contracted directly with the federal government. (FY17 ADP 6,897 detainees)
- 12 dedicated Intergovernmental Service Agreements (IGSA) facilities, housing 26% of FY17 ADP. Dedicated IGSA facilities enable ICE to contract with a local government entity for exclusive use of the facility, and the local governmental entity contracts for facility staffing/operations. (FY17 ADP 10,131 detainees)
- 82 non-dedicated IGSA, housing 21% of FY17 ADP. At non-dedicated IGSA ICE will contract for partial use of the facility. (FY17 ADP 8,043 detainees)
- 94 facilities with a USMS Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA), housing 20% of FY17 ADP. At USMS IGA facilities, ICE obtains bed space through an existing agreement that each facility maintains with the USMS. (FY17 ADP 7,608 detainees)
- Most of the non-dedicated IGSA and IGAs are county jails; however, 47% of these facilities will have an ADP of less than 10 detainees.
- The remaining 7% of FY17 ADP are housed in Family, BOP, hospitals, and infrequently used facilities with low populations. (FY17 ADP 2,597 detainees)
- In considering the DOJ directive regarding private prisons in relation to ICE's use of privatized immigration detention, we believe it is important to understand how the BOP system compares to the ICE detention system.
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I'm also copying Tamara Spicer here who can provide info about local efforts surrounding the Stewart facility. I believe they are currently reviewing the report to develop a plan to make changes to their operations, if needed.

Regards,  
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**To:** #ICE OPA ERO Issue Paper  
**Cc:** Gallagher, Sean W; (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) Yglesias, Nestor J  
**Subject:** OPA Issue: Death of detainee  
**Attachments:** Cuban national passes away in Jacksonville.doc

**DEADLINE:** PAO will not do any release until after ERO has cleared, and after all notifications are complete.

**ISSUE:** Passing of an ICE detainee

**STATEMENT:**

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**INTERNAL INFORMATION (NOT FOR RELEASE):**

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**BACKGROUND:**

On October 27, 2013, CASTRO applied for admission to U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) at the Gateway to the Americas Bridge port of entry in Laredo, TX. CASTRO stated that he had a fear of returning to his home country of Cuba. CBP paroled CASTRO into the United States until October 26, 2015.

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On October 18, 2017, ERO Atlanta encountered CASTRO at the D. Ray James (DRJ) Federal Correctional Institute in Folkston, GA. ERO Atlanta determined CASTRO to be a Lawful Permanent Resident with an aggravated felony conviction and served him with a Notice to Appear, Form I-862, pursuant to Section 237(a)(2)(A)(iii) of the Immigration and Nationality Act.

On November 24, 2017, DRJ released CASTRO to ERO Atlanta's custody and he was transferred to the Stewart Detention Center (SDC) in Lumpkin, GA.

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On January 20, 2018 and January 22, 2018, CASTRO's family visited him at the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville, FL.

On January 22, 2018, IHSC reported that CASTRO's is in critical condition and in a coma.

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# News Release

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**From:** Spicer, Tamara  
**Sent:** 20 Feb 2018 12:04:26 -0500  
**To:** Elzea, Jennifer; Rodriguez, Sarah  
**Subject:** RE: AJC reporting on the death of Yulio Castro-Garrido

Of course, but ugh.

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Tammy,

Can you please send Jeremy the link to the updated press release? I know he's been following the case.

<https://www.ice.gov/news/releases/ice-detainee-passes-away>

Thank you!

Jenn

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**Sent:** Tuesday, February 13, 2018 10:17 AM  
**To:** Elzea, Jennifer; Rodriguez, Sarah  
**Subject:** FW: AJC reporting on the death of Yulio Castro-Garrido

Jenn/Sarah - (b)(5) but  
first wanted to let you have visibility on the serious accusations from the family.

Tammy

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**From:** Redmon, Jeremy (CMG-Atlanta) [<mailto:Jeremy.Redmon@ajc.com>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 13, 2018 10:11 AM  
**To:** Spicer, Tamara  
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Good Morning Tammy,

As we discussed, I'm writing an article about the death of ICE detainee Yulio Castro-Garrido.  
Among my questions:

1. His younger brother (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) said his family was shocked to learn Yulio became sickened with pneumonia at Stewart Detention Center. (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) said Yulio was lean and healthy, he rarely drank alcohol and he didn't smoke before he was moved to Stewart. Could you explain how Yulio came down with pneumonia at Stewart?

2. (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) also expressed disbelief that his brother initially resisted medical treatment. ICE said in the attached news release that "After diagnosis, Mr. Castro initially resisted medical treatment which caused his condition to worsen." Could you elaborate on that statement? What medical treatment was he offered and how and why did he refuse it?

3. (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) said his family had an extraordinarily difficult time getting information from ICE about Yulio's condition and his whereabouts as he was transported from hospital to hospital before his death. (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) said his family first learned about Yulio's pneumonia when a fellow inmate called his uncle, days after Yulio was first diagnosed with the illness at Stewart. Further, (b)(6);(b)(7)(C) said his family didn't know Yulio had been transported to the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville until U.S. Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen's office intervened and contacted ICE about Yulio's location. What efforts did ICE undertake to keep Yulio's family informed of his condition, whereabouts and treatment?

4. What is the status of ICE's investigation of the death of Jean Jimenez-Joseph? Here is my last piece about his death:

<http://politics.myajc.com/news/state--regional-govt--politics/ice-detainee-wasn-observed-required-before-hanged-himself/6QWVp7xFVnEKSlc9MNJsKK/>

5. What are the total numbers of people who have died in ICE custody for this current fiscal year, fiscal year 2017 and fiscal year 2016?

Could you respond by tomorrow?

Thanks,

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